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SERIAL: DIADIN 232-18A

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: SITUATION UPDATE. (U)

DOI: 20 AUG 85 (AS OF 2059 EDT)

TEXT: 1. (U) THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS SURPASSED 2,000, ALTHOUGH NEARLY HALF HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AS VIOLENCE CONTINUES AND FOREIGN LEADERS RECORD THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES OUTLINED IN PRESIDENT BOTHA'S SPEECH ON 15 AUGUST.

2. ~~(C)~~ (U) SPORADIC UNREST IS REPORTED BOTH IN AREAS UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE. IN SOWETO, A NUMBER OF DEATHS WERE REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT NONE IS BELIEVED RELATED TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. A CURFEW IN SOWETO WAS ENFORCED

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BY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE, BUT NO ARRESTS WERE NOTED FOR CURFEW VIOLATIONS.

(U) 3. ~~(C)~~ THE LACK OF SUBSTANCE IN BOTHA'S SPEECH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO AUSTRALIA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE BANNING THE SALE OF KRUGERRANDS, CLOSING THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION IN JOHANNESBURG, AND SUSPENDING GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. CANBERRA IS ALSO ASKING BANKS NOT TO MAKE NEW LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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(U) 4. ~~(C)~~ INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI URGED THAT JAILED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS LEADER NELSON MANDELA BE RELEASED FROM PRISON, AND SENEGALESE PRESIDENT DIOUF CALLED FOR THE ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. CANADA HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS, AND THAILAND HAS EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE VIOLENCE AND UNREST. IN BRITAIN, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ASKED PRETORIA TO SPARE THE LIFE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN POET CONVICTED OF KILLING A POLICE OFFICER IN 1983. HE WAS SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED ON 21 AUGUST, BUT [REDACTED] RECEIVED A 3-WEEK STAY.

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SERIAL: DIADIN 240-11A

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: DEMONSTRATION STOPPED. (U)

DOI: 25 AUG 85 (AS OF 1922 EDT)

TEXT: 1. ~~OO~~ A MARCH ON CAPE TOWN'S POLLSMOOR PRISON HAS APPARENTLY BEEN CANCELLED FOLLOWING SWIFT POLICE ACTION TO AUGMENT LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, THE DETENTION OF UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT (UDF) LEADERS, AND POOR PLANNING BY THE DEMONSTRATION'S ORGANIZERS.

2. ~~OO~~ ALAN BOESAK, ONE OF THE UDF FOUNDERS, HAD PLANNED TO LEAD THE MARCH OF SOME 20,000 UDF SUPPORTERS TO THE PRISON TO PROTEST

THE IMPRISONMENT OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS LEADER, NELSON MANDELA. MANDELA HAS BEEN INCARCERATED SINCE 1964, WHEN HE WAS CONVICTED OF TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. HE

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IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL BLACK LEADERS, DESPITE BEING IN JAIL, AND HIS RELEASE HAS BECOME A RECURRENT THEME IN THE CONTINUING UNREST. POLICE OFFICIALS HAD WARNED BOESAK--A COLORED, NOT BLACK, LEADER--NOT TO LEAD THE PROTEST, BUT HE INSISTED AND WAS DETAINED BY THE POLICE ON 27 AUGUST UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.

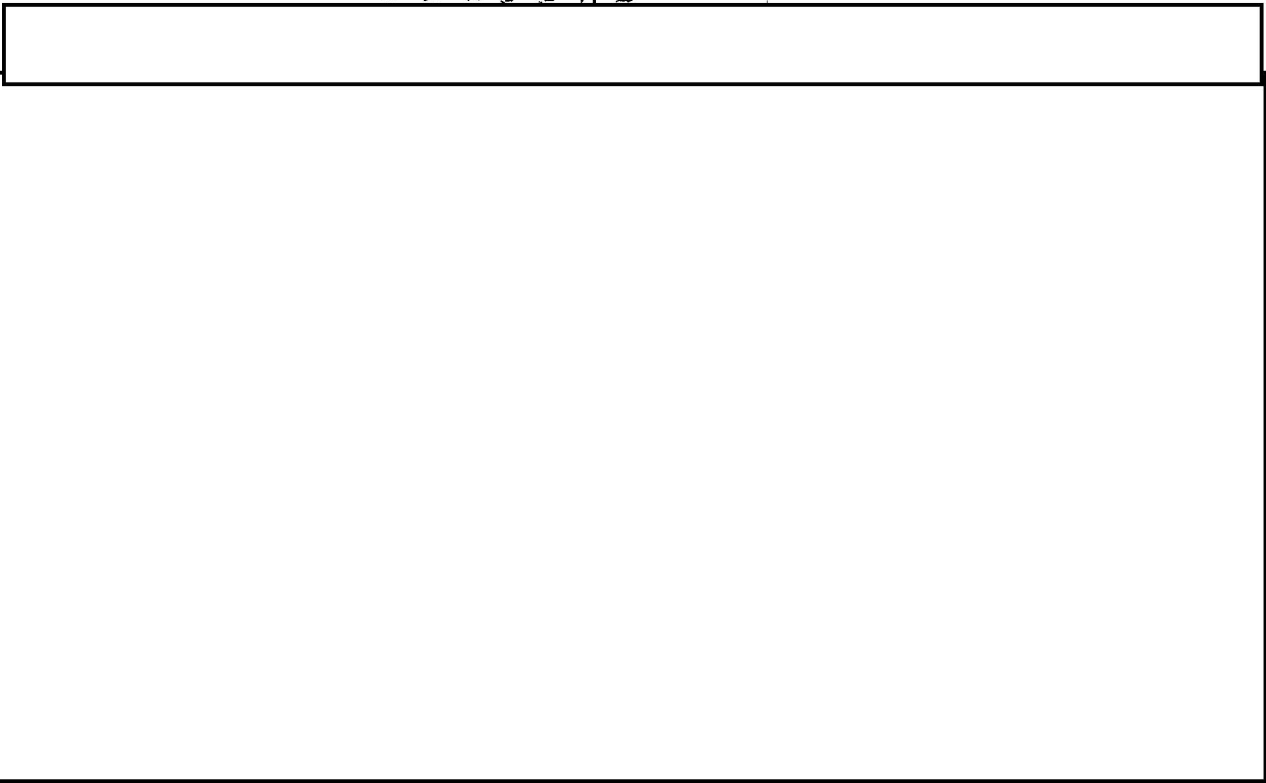
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3. ~~(S)~~(U) IN ADDITION TO THE DETENTION OF BOESAK AND OTHER UDF LEADERS IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, AUTHORITIES INCREASED SECURITY FORCES AROUND THE NONWHITE AREAS OF CAPE TOWN. POLICE UNITS WERE POSITIONED IN THE COLORED--MIXED RACE--TOWNSHIP OF ATLONE AT THE POLICE STATION, THE STADIUM, AND ALONG THE ROADS LINKING ATLONE WITH THE BLACK AREAS IN THE CAPE FLATS AND POLLSMOOR. [REDACTED] (C)

[REDACTED] A CROWD OF NONWHITES ARRIVED AT THE STADIUM, WHERE SOME FIGHTING OCCURRED BETWEEN THEM AND SECURITY FORCES. THE POLICE, HOWEVER APPEARED TO HAVE THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. OTHER REPORTS STATED A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS GATHERED AT A NEARBY TRAINING COLLEGE BUT WAS DISPERSED BY POLICE WHEN IT TRIED TO LEAVE THE COLLEGE GROUNDS.

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH SAG JUSTICE MINISTER

-- COETSEE

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(U) 1. ~~C~~-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. IN A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
OCTOBER 14, JUSTICE MINISTER "KOBIE" ~~COETSEE~~:

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-- SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER CREATION OF AN OMBUDSMAN TO
HEAR COMPLAINTS OF POLICE MISCONDUCT, BUT WORRIED
ABOUT THE EFFECT ON POLICE MORALE AND SAID THAT
COMPLAINT CENTERS SHOULD ALSO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST

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PUBLIC OFFENDERS;

-- NOTED THAT THE LIMITED CASES OF ABUSE/DEATH OF
DETAINEES TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE PRISONS UNDER HIS
JURISDICTION AND REJECTED THE SUGGESTION THAT A
COMMISSION TO STUDY ABUSE OF DETAINEES BE CREATED;

-- SAID HE HAD ORDERED A POS MORTEM DONE ON DECEASED
LABOR LEADER ANDRE RADITSELA AND THAT THE EASTERN CAPE
STATES ATTORNEY WAS CONSIDERING EVIDENCE OF POLICE
ABUSE OF DETAINEES THERE;

-- WAS OPEN TO ALLOWING OUTSIDE MEDICAL OBSERVERS AT
NELSON MANDELA'S UPCOMING SURGERY;

-- CLAIMED MANDELA WAS BEING MANIPULATED BY THE ANC
AND HIS FAMILY TO REMAIN IN PRISON;

-- FORECASTS PROSECUTION OF REV. BOESAK AND OTHERS
WHO CALLED FOR DISINVESTMENT;

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-- SAID THERE WOULD BE NO NEW REPRIEVE IN THE PENDING
EXECUTION OF ANC-AFFILIATE BENJAMIN MOLOISE;

-- STRONGLY CRITICIZED US POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA,
SAYING THAT THE US COULD AT LEAST TREAT SOUTH AFRICA
LIKE IT DOES TAIWAN, AND NOT SIMPLY "DO A MUGABE"
AND ABANDON SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

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IMPROPRIETY OF POLICE ENTRY ONTO SCHOOL GROUNDS, COETSEE SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO EVIDENCE THAT POLICE WERE NOT UNDER PROPER CONTROL IN THESE INSTANCES. HE COMMENTED ON THE "ARDUOUS" TASK FACING THE POLICE, ADDING THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE EASTERN CAPE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION WAS COMING UNDER CONTROL. TO THE AMBASSADOR'S POINT THAT SWEEPING POLICE POWERS UNDER SOE REGULATIONS WERE THE FOCUS OF CONSIDERABLE COMPLAINT, COETSEE POINTED OUT THE SIGNIFICANT POWERS OF REVIEW WHICH COURTS WERE NOW ASSERTING AND DISCOUNTED THE CHARACTERIZATION OF POLICE POWERS AS "SWEEPING."

MANDELA'S HEALTH

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8. IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF NELSON MANDELA'S IMPRISONMENT, COETSEE INFORMED US THAT MANDELA'S PROSTATE SURGERY HAD BEEN POSTPONED, BUT NOT AT THE SAG'S REQUEST. HE SAID MANDELA HAD HIMSELF ASKED FOR THE LOCAL MEDICAL CARE AND THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE IDEA OF MANDELA TRAVELING OVERSEAS FOR MEDICAL CARE. HE SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING WAYS TO ALLOW OUTSIDE OBSERVERS DURING MANDELA'S SURGERY, BUT THAT RIGHT NOW THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE SEEKING TO BE INVOLVED. HE OPINED THAT THE "OPPOSITION" WOULD BE "STUPID" NOT TO POLITICIZE THIS MEDICAL PROBLEM. HE PRAISED MANDELA'S CONDUCT ON THIS MATTER.

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MANDELA AND PRESS ACCESS

9. ANSWERING THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION ON CRITERIA FOR
ACCESS TO MANDELA, COETSEE SAID THAT HIS PRACTICE HAD
BEEN TO MOVE AWAY FROM PROMOTING MANDELA'S IMAGE AS AN

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ISOLATED MARTYR TO ONE OF A "FORCEFUL CHARACTER" WHICH IS THE IMAGE COETSEE PREFERS MANDELA HAVING. (HE ADDED THAT THIS COMMENT WAS MEANT AS A CUE TO HIS OWN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WHOLE MANDELA PROBLEM.) COETSEE SAID THAT THE MANDELA INTERVIEWS HE AUTHORIZED LORD BETHELL AND JUDGE SAM DASH HAD HELPED HIM ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. ON APPROVAL OF THE "WASHINGTON TIMES" INTERVIEW, WHILE REJECTING OTHER PRESS ACCESS REQUESTS, COETSEE SAID PRESIDENT BOTHA HAD PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED THE "WASHINGTON TIMES" INTERVIEW AND THAT, WHILE HE "DID NOT HAVE ANY REPROACHES" FOR THAT ACTION-FROM-ABOVE, HE HAD SINCE BEEN FORCED TO "PUT HIS FOOT DOWN" AND HAD REFUSED ALL OTHER PRESS REQUESTS. HE DID ALLOW THAT IN LIGHT OF MANDELA'S HEALTH PROBLEMS HE WOULD HAVE TO ALLOW MANDELA A "WIDER CIRCLE OF CONTACTS." COETSEE ALSO SAID HE FULLY APPRECIATED THE GREAT USG INTEREST IN MANDELA'S WELFARE.

MANDELA AND THE ANC

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10. COETSEE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE ANC WAS NOW ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS TO MANDELA. IN THE MINISTER'S VIEW, MANDELA WAS OF MORE VALUE TO THE ANC INSIDE PRISON THAN FREE. COETSEE NOTED MANDELA'S AGE (67) AND SAID THAT MANDELA NOW JUST WANTED TO "ENJOY THE FRUITS OF HIS SUFFERING." HE ALLEGED THAT MANDELA'S DAUGHTER AND THE ANC WERE MANIPULATING HIM TO STAY IN JAIL. HE CITED AS EVIDENCE STATEMENTS MADE BY MANDELA'S DAUGHTER AND OLIVER TAMBO SHORTLY BEFORE MANDELA REJECTED P.W. BOTHA'S OFFER OF FREEDOM EARLIER THIS YEAR. COETSEE SAID HE WAS "NOT RULING OUT THE POSSIBILITY" THAT CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE ANC ARE NOW SAYING THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR NEGOTIATIONS COUPLED WITH A RENUNCIATION OF

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VIOLENCE. HE NOTED A NEW, "COOPERATIVE" MOOD OF BLACKS
IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ORANGE FREE STATE, WHICH
HE FELT INDICATED A TREND THAT BLACKS ARE STARTING TO
REACT FAVORABLY TO REFORM MEASURES.

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BOESAK TO BE PROSECUTED
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11. IN A PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF THE BOESAK CASE,
COESEE GAVE NO SIGN THAT SAG WILL BACK AWAY FROM
PROSECUTION, ALTHOUGH HIS OFFER TO LET US RAISE THE ISSUE
AGAIN HINTED AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL UNEASINESS ON HIS

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SERIAL: DIADIN 329-8A

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: FBRUM FOR TAMBO. (U)

DOI: 5 NOV 85 (AS OF 1636 EST)

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE "CAPE TIMES" NEWSPAPER, ON 4 NOVEMBER, QUOTED
BANNED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) LEADER OLIVER TAMBO NOV 4 1985
INTERVIEW SAYING HE WOULD CONSIDER HOLDING TALKS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT IF PRETORIA MAKES THE RIGHT GESTURES.

2. (U) THE INTERVIEW, WHICH IS CONSIDERED A REMARKABLE EVENT FOR
SOUTH AFRICA, WAS CONDUCTED IN LONDON AND PUBLISHED IN THE ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, APPARENTLY WITHOUT OFFICIAL PERMISSION. UNDER
SOUTH AFRICAN INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE QUOTED IN MANY

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MEDIUM. THE EDITOR OF THE PAPER COULD FACE UP TO 3 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR PUBLISHING THIS ARTICLE. TAMBO HAS LED THE ANC SINCE 1967. HE REPLACED NELSON MANDELA, WHO WAS CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AN ARMED REBELLION AGAINST THE WHITE-RULED GOVERNMENT AND WHO IS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE IN PRISON. SOME OF THE GESTURES TAMBO MENTIONED WERE THE RELEASE OF MANDELA, AS WELL AS OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF TREASON CHARGES AGAINST OTHER BLACK LEADERS. PRETORIA HAS OFFERED TO FREE MANDELA, BUT HE HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY CONDITION FOR HIS FREEDOM. b1 1.4(c) Per DIA WHETHER MANDELA WAS AWARE OF TAMBO'S STATEMENTS IS UNDETERMINED.

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ANC, ALTHOUGH BANNED, PROBABLY REPRESENTS MOST NONWHITE SOUTH AFRICANS, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE LACK OF LEGAL POLITICAL PARTIES TO ARTICULATE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS. THE MOST NOTABLE EXCEPTION TO THIS LACUNA IS ~~INKATHA~~, A ZULU CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

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LED BY CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI. [REDACTED] INKATHA CLAIMS OVER A MILLION PAID MEMBERS, BUT ITS APPEAL IS LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE ZULU ETHNIC GROUP. ALTHOUGH INKATHA HAS BEEN CASTIGATED AS A QUISLING GROUP BY THE ANC, BUTHELEZI WAS AN ANC MEMBER BEFORE IT WAS BANNED, AND HE HAS ARGUED THAT INKATHA--WITHOUT ESPOUSING VIOLENCE--SEEKS THE SAME GOALS: THE END OF APARTHEID AND POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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SERIAL: DIADIN 326-2A

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: RELEASING MANDELA? (U)

DOI: 22 NOV 85 (AS OF 1445 EST)

TEXT: 1. (U) RUMORS THAT JAILED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

LEADER NELSON MANDELA MAY BE RELEASED FROM FOLSOM PRISON

BEING ENCOURAGED BY MEETINGS BETWEEN MANDELA AND HIS LAWYERS AS
WELL AS BY THE NONCOMMITTAL ATTITUDE OF PRISON OFFICIALS.

2. (U) CLAIMS THAT MANDELA WAS ABOUT TO BE FREED SURFACED IN
SOUTH AFRICA ON 20 NOVEMBER. WHEN PRISON SERVICE OFFICIALS IN
PRETORIA WERE ASKED ABOUT THESE CLAIMS, THEY REPLIED, "THE SERVICE
IS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON SPECULATION AND RUMOR." NONETHELESS,
THE DEBATE WAS FURTHER FUELED BY THE MEETING BETWEEN MANDELA, WHO

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REMAINS IN A CAPE TOWN HOSPITAL FOLLOWING PROSTATE SURGERY ON 3 NOVEMBER, AND HIS LAWYERS. THE LAWYERS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE RELEASE OF THEIR CLIENT AFTER NEARLY 3 HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS, NOTING PRISON REGULATIONS PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH MR MANDELA. THE PRISONER'S WIFE HAS BEEN IN CAPE TOWN, IN VIOLATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BANNING ORDER RESTRICTING HER TO BRANDFORT IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE. MRS MANDELA WILL REPORTEDLY RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG ON 22 NOVEMBER.

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3. ~~(C/NF)~~ (U) COMMENT: SPECULATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF MANDELA HAS CONTINUED SINCE HE REFUSED A SEPTEMBER OFFER OF FREEDOM. AT THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER HAD TOO MANY RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ANC LEADER WHO, WITH THE ANC, HAS DEMANDED HIS UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE. PRETORIA, IN TURN, HAS REQUIRED THE INSURGENT LEADER TO RENOUNCE VIOLENCE AND ACCEPT INTERNAL EXILE IN THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT

(C) HOMELAND OF TRANSKEI [REDACTED]

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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: MORE RUMORS OF MANDELA'S RELEASE. (U)

DOI: 10 DEC 85 (AS OF 2157 EST) K-147

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE FAMILY OF JAILED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
(ANC) LEADER NELSON MANDELA HAS REJECTED REPORTS THAT HE WOULD
ACCEPT RELEASE FROM PRISON AND EXILE TO FRANCE.

2. (U) JOHANNESBURG PRESS REPORTS THAT PARIS HAD INITIATED
DIPLOMATIC AND PRIVATE MOVES AIMED AT GETTING MANDELA RELEASED FROM
PRISON HAVE BEEN DENIED BY FRENCH OFFICIALS AND REJECTED BY THE
MANDELA FAMILY. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PARIS STATED THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT MANDELA, BUT THEY DENIED THAT TALKS WERE
UNDERWAY WITH PRETORIA. MANDELA'S DAUGHTER ALSO CLAIMED HER FATHER

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WOULD NOT ACCEPT RELEASE AND EXILE, AND SHE SAID THAT HIS PLACE IS
IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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